

**County of San Bernardino  
Behavioral Health Commission  
Executive Session  
February 5, 2015  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Akin Merino, Christopher Massa, David Miller, Ed O'Brien, Jane Ann Godager, May Farr, Monica Wilson, Susan McGee-Stehsel

**Excused Absences:** Catherine Inscore, Michael Grabhorn, Monica Wilson, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews

**Guests:** CaSonya Thomas, Debi Pasco, Esmeralda Sanchez Janette Serron, Beverly Scott

**CALL TO ORDER and SELF INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Susan McGee-Stehsel, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Approve Executive Session Minutes from January 5, 2015.

**Approved**

Motion/Second: May Farr/ Chris Massa

Ayes: Akin Merino, David Miller, Ed O'Brien, Jane Ann Godager, Monica Wilson, Susan McGee-Stehsel

Abstentions: None

Objections: None

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chair Susan McGee-Stehsel recently attended a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder conference. She requested a shortened version of the presentation to Behavioral Health Commission (BHC). Debi Pasco will follow up.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioners gave a brief summary of their reports for the afternoon session.

Commissioner Merino attended the District Advisory Committee meeting. Past drug convictions hurt students seeking state financial aid. She suggested to review the FAFSA rules for financial aid. The "Relationships that Heal" workshop on February 25 is open to everyone. Today she must leave after the Executive Commission meeting.

Commissioner Christopher Massa attended a meeting at DBH to discuss the BHC annual report. He continues to be involved with the Substance Use Disorders (SUD) taskforce.

Commissioner David Miller was ill for the January meeting, will submit his written report.

Commissioner Ed O'Brien attended the MLK Breakfast. He expressed his admiration for the professionalism he has encountered working with behavioral health. The Public Defender's office offers free assistance for requesting record expungement.

Commissioner Jane Ann Godager attended the monthly meeting of the Directors for the Senior and Disabled Fund

Commissioner May Farr attended several events

- DAC Meeting – El Sol presentation
- MLK Breakfast
- Point in Time Homeless Count
- CA Mental Health Planning Council
- NAMI Class
- Served lunch at Amazing Place

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director CaSonya Thomas announced Supervisor Ramos was elected to serve as the new Board Chairman. He will continue to serve as the BHC liaison. CaSonya summarized the Community Forum 2014 Report from the California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC). CaSonya discussed the highlights from the Customs Heritage Ancestry Nationality Gender Equality (CHANGE) Newsletter. CaSonya reviewed the Governor's FY 2015-16 proposed budget with the BHC.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Beverly Scott discussed the usage of saliva swab tests to determine appropriate medication.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Today's meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Susan McGee-Stehsel  
Chair

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Esmeralda Sanchez, OAIII  
Recorder